

REMARKS/AMENDMENTS

This paper addresses the issues raised in the Office Action made Final mailed 13 February 2006.

Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the application of which claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action of 13 February 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 7-9 and objected to claims 1, 5 and 6. Specifically, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaValley. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaValley in view of Suga. The Examiner, however, indicated that Claim 10 contained allowable subject matter.


Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-4 have been amended to depend from Claim 10 and to correct for proper antecedent basis. Claims 5 and 6 status identifiers have been amended to correct for informalities. Claim 10 has been amended to correct for grammar. Claims 7-9 remain as previously presented. No substantive changes have been made. No new subject matter has been added.

In light of the amendment to Claims 2-4, the rejections set forth in the pending Office action are rendered moot, and the Claims, as amended, remaining in this application are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the above referenced application.

It is believed that no additional fees are required with the filing of this paper. In the event, however, fees are due with this paper, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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